

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****Drawing Objections**

Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Specifically, Examiner states:

The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the two ferrules crimping the stiffening wire of Claim 12, must be shown (or clearly pointed out) or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be added.

In response, Applicant respectfully submits that the FIG. 1 as filed clearly shows two ferrules crimping the stiffening wire. Moreover, the specification as filed clearly points out this feature by reference to FIG. 1. On the bottom of page 2 under the heading "First Preferred Embodiment", Applicant states:

In the preferred embodiment shown in FIG. 1, ferrules 5 are crimped over sheath 4, wire 6 and the internal ends of wire receptor couplers 2 and 3, thereby attaching sheath 4 and wire 6 to wire receptor couplers 2 and 3. (emphasis added)

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner withdraw his objections to the drawings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner has stated that Claims 11 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has cancelled Claim 11 and rewritten Independent Claim 28 to include the limitations of Claim 11. Therefore Claim 28 should now be allowable. All other remaining claims are dependent on Claim 28 and therefore should likewise be allowable.

Claim Objections

Examiner has objected to Claims 22 and 23. These claims have now been cancelled.

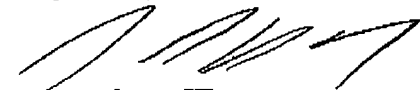
Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103

Examiner has rejected Claims under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103. All claims should now be allowable for the reasons stated above.

Conclusion

Thus, for all the reasons given above, this application, as the claims are presently limited, defines a novel, patentable, and truly valuable invention. Hence allowance of all outstanding claims in this application is respectfully submitted to be proper and is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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